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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM AMBASSADOR LUCEY

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SUBJECT: CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 280682

1. I WELCOME THE PROSPECT OF A CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING AT WASHINGTON IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH AND I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO JOINING YOU AND MY AMBASSADORIAL COLLEAGUES IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN INTERESTING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. TO THE LIST OF TOPICS SET FORTH IN YOUR CABLE I SUGGEST ADDING POPULATION AND BELIZE, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER MAY WELL BE A FACET OF THE DISCUSSION ON CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS. MOREOVER, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF OAS, I SUGGEST IT AS A TOPIC OF GENERAL INTEREST WITH PEACE-KEEPING PERHAPS BEING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT DISCUSSION.

3. IN PRIORITIZING THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS I FIND THAT THEY ESSENTIALLY FALL INTO FIVE MAJOR CATEGORIES. IF THE RECOMMENDED TOPICS ARE GROUPED WITHIN THIS FIVE-PART FRAMEWORK, OUR PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS MAY TEND MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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LOGICALLY TO FLOW FROM ONE TO THE OTHER, THUS SAVING TIME AND DRAWING INTO SHARPER FOCUS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF RELATED ISSUES. MY SUGGESTIONS LINE UP AS FOLLOWS:

I - ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES

ENERGY

AID

II - POLITICAL/SOCIAL

HUMAN RIGHTS

NARCOTICS

POULATION

TERRORISM

III - REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL

PANAMA CANAL

CUBA

CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS

BELIZE

OAS (INCLUDING PEACEKEEPING)

ANDEAN AFFAIRS

SOUTHERN AFRICA

IV - POLITICAL/MILITARY

CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS

NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION

V - INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMS

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

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MANAGEMENT/RESOURCES/PERSONNEL

4. WHILE I SHALL BE PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE CHIEFS OF MISSION PANELS, I CAN PERHAPS MAKE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE PRESENTATIONS ON:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ENERGY

NARCOTICS

POPULATION

BELIZE (MEXICO VIEWPOINT)

5. WILL SPOUSES BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE? GIVEN THE INTENSE INTEREST IN THE CONCERNS OF EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS AS OUTLINED AND DISCUSSED IN THE FORUM REPORT OF THE AAFSW, I AM CONFIDENT THAT A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AMONG THE SPOUSES OF AMBASSADORS FROM THE 26 ARA COUNTRIES MIGHT EFFECTIVELY SERVE TO CONSOLIDATE HEMISPHERE-WIDE THINKING ABOUT THE NATURE OF OUR PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR THEM. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT BEN READ MAY WELL SUPPORT SUCH A DISCUSSION IN WHICH VARIOUS DEPARTMENT AND AAFSW REPRESENTATIVES COULD

PARTICIPATE. CALDERHEAD

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